

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This parts search system solves the problem of defining a correct part despite multiple definitions for replacement parts. The system employs a database or databases including: (a) the names, abbreviations, misspellings and word combinations for parts used in the assemblage of a device; (b) the possible manufacturers, parts and part numbers used in the assemblage of a device; and (c) applications, illustrations and other information related to the parts. A single code number, such as a VMRS code issued by the Technology and Maintenance Council of the American Trucking Associations, is assigned to each part. This code is used to link together and cross-reference all of the items in the database tables. Software is provided allowing the user to enter a multiplicity of choices of a word, abbreviation, misspelling, word combination, code, part number, and/or manufacturer and arrive at the correct part description, application, illustration and part number.